

PRINT MEDIA SUGGESTIONS

Count the hours spent in writing. Ask yourself, how much writing have I done? Write for yourself. Write to defend the faith. Write your experiences. Write what you want to remember. So much of the writing is done by people who lack good sense – get writing. We are to write and share the faith we possess. We are all naturally lazy. It takes work to write. God made us rational creatures with certain experiences no one else has.

When you use the print media to teach, promote and defend the Catholic faith may we suggest that:

- Your statements are based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.
- Make known the position you are taking is a Catholic position.
- In your own words state the Church's teaching.
- With disagreement reply with a kind statement but state the truth.
- Your aim is conversion not confrontation.
- Make your position loveable.
- "Proclaim the good news of salvation to the whole world."
- Use Father Hardon's article, "Writing and the Spiritual Life" as a guide.

A DIFFICULT CASE FOR THE TRUTH

- We must prepare as a lawyer would for an important case.
- Think of all the angles, the objections and so on.
- Know your material, your client, his background and motives.
- Do your research
- You cannot use hearsay.
- It is not enough to tell someone they have to do it, or it is right because, "so and so said so." That is sloth.
- Research the writings of the Fathers of the Church, of the Saints, of Popes and the Councils of the Church. Be able to quote these easily and rationally.